

**247.982 Grant program eligibility and compliance.**

- (1) Subject to available funds, a nonprofit organization is eligible to receive a grant under KRS 247.980 to 247.986 if the organization:
  - (a) Has at least five (5) years of experience coordinating a statewide network of food banks and charitable organizations that serve counties of this state;
  - (b) Operates a program that coordinates the collection and transportation of surplus agricultural commodities to a statewide network of food banks that provide food to needy or low-income individuals; and
  - (c) Submits to the department, in a manner and time prescribed by the department, a proposal for the collection and distribution of agricultural commodities to food banks and other charitable organizations for use in providing food for needy or low-income individuals, including:
    1. A description of the proposal;
    2. A schedule of projected costs for the proposal;
    3. Measurable goals for the proposal; and
    4. A plan for evaluating the success of the proposal.
- (2) A nonprofit organization that receives a grant under KRS 247.980 to 247.986 shall comply with the following requirements:
  - (a) Purchases shall be made from Kentucky farmers, growers, and vendors;
  - (b) Agricultural commodities collected and distributed shall be culls or those designated as surplus or unmarketable, and not primary agricultural commodities. Surplus or unmarketable agricultural commodities or culls shall be purchased at production cost or below market price from produce auctions, farmers, growers, and vendors; and
  - (c) Donations of culls or surplus or unmarketable agricultural commodities from farmers' markets, cooperatives, farmers, and growers shall be encouraged. Persons making the donations may be reimbursed for picking, packaging, processing, transportation, storage, distribution, or other costs.

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